

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

May 25, 2021

5:30 PM

Workshop

Virtual via Zoom

Utility Advisory Board

Wendell Porter (Member)

Wes Wheeler (Member)

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Wheeler, Fults, Crowe, Jacobson

Absent: Members Davis, Spurling-Wood, Porter, Rockwell, Lewis

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the following modifications:

Hear New Business before Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

[200693.](#)

Discussion of GRU's Integrated Resource Plan (B)

Attachments:

[200693 GRU IRP Presentation 20210114](#)

[200693 GRU IRP Report Master Final 20210126](#)

[200693 UAB Inputs to IRP 20210323](#)

[200693 Draft UAB IRP Input Presentation 20210323](#)

[200693 Energy Efficiency in Southeast Ann Rept 20210408](#)

[200693 Member Wheeler Notes from 1-26-21 20210408](#)

[200693 Resolution 180442 20210408](#)

[200693 Recommendations Member Fults 20210408](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Continue discussion of the IRP with consideration of the Commission's feedback.

This item was heard after Item #210031.

Discussion among members included:

Include a scenario in 2022 IRP to have 100% renewable by 2030?

Enhance Demand side management – IRP include required periodic self-rating from GRU

Environmental impacts of climate change – lifecycle cost of fuels – include in IRP – each scenario should include a carbon impact

Ensure adequate back-up capacity for reliability – would like to see some discussion of including local renewables as source of reliability

[180258.](#)

Utility Advisory Board's Draft Energy Policy for the City of Gainesville (B)

Attachments: [180258 Miles 4.1-4.3 Energy Policy Draft 20190711](#)
[180258 Selvester 7-17-19 Econ Dev Draft 20190723](#)
[180258 Utility and Energy Policy Draft - ROCKWELL 20190808](#)
[180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft Econ Dev DAVIS 20190808](#)
[180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft PORTER 20190808](#)
[180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft WHEELER 20190808](#)
[180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft SELVESTER 20190808](#)
[180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft Spurling-Wood 20190808](#)
[180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft Financing DAVIS 20190808](#)
[190098 Alford 8-26-19 Draft HVAC Design 20190827](#)
[190098 Selvester 8-23-19 Master Draft 20190827](#)
[180258 Master Draft Energy + Util Policy 20190919](#)
[180258 Util Energy Policy Draft Wheeler 20190919](#)
[180258 4.4-Util Energy Policy Draft Davis 20190919](#)
[180258 Util Energy Policy Draft Wheeler Rockwell20190930](#)
[180258 UAB DRAFT ENERGY POLICY Staff Analysis 20201008](#)
[180258 DRAFT Utility and Energy Policy 20201020](#)
[180258 Community-Survey Results re Energy Policy 20210525](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss results of citizen survey on the draft energy policy.*

Board decided to discuss this item before Item #200693.

Staff presented survey results and board asked for staff to return with additional information at their June 10th meeting. They would like a statistical analysis of the data. The board will vote at their June 10th meeting on whether to discuss this with the Commission at the July 27, 2021 joint UAB/Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

210031. City Commission Directives (B)

Attachments: [210031 CCom Comments 4-27-21 Joint UAB Meeting 20210525](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss the City Commission's motion from the April 27th meeting and the list of additional Commission comments in the back-up.*

Took up motion regarding gas rebates from CCom. GM Ed Bielarski commented that we are in process of cutting the FY22 budget and are looking at possibility of decreasing gas rebates. Will send report as soon as possible. Can't address gas marketing at this time.

Member Fults – Specifics on what portion of rebates going to non-GRU customers. Marketing in media and public sphere, irked hearing ads about clean natural gas.

Member Jacobson – Can we exclude GRU customers from gas rebates and give them to non-customers? Ed will check into it.

Come back to workshop on 6/22 w/answers on rebates and marketing.

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Fults - thinks we have to start focusing on helping neighbors achieve more affordable bills

Member Jacobson – FIT was designed to be financial equivalent to solar rebates.

Member Wheeler – Have to keep focus on bigger picture – not just spreadsheets.

Citizen Nathan Skop spoke for public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 10, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.